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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT
FROM ECUADORIAN PRESIDENT POVEDA

1. FYI. TEXT OF PRESIDENT POVEDA'S MESSAGE FOLLOWS:
(ENGLISH TRANSLATION) MR. PRESIDENT: IN THE NAME OF
THE ECUADORIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE I TAKE VERY GREAT
PLEASURE IN CONVEYING TO YOU, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE
GOVERNMENT AND NOBLE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, THE MOST CORDIAL CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION
OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF YOUR GREAT
COUNTRY.

2. THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES WAS OF TWOFOLD
IMPORTANCE FOR THE PEOPLES OF AMERICA. INSPIRED BY
IT, THEY FOUGHT COURAGEOUSLY FOR THEIR OWN FREEDOM AS
WELL, AND INSPIRED BY THE PRINCIPLES INCORPORATED
IN THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION OF 1787, THEY GAVE
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PRE-EMINENCE TO THE ETHICAL AND HUMAN VALUES WHICH

ARE THE BASIC PREMISE FOR STRUCTURING A WORLD AT PEACE,
WORKING ITS WAY DAY BY DAY ALONG THE ROAD TO GREATER
PROGRESS.

3. THE ECUADORIAN PEOPLE, WHO ADMIRE AND RESPECT THE
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, SINCERELY JOIN IN CELE-
BRATION OF THIS BICENTENNIAL AND MEAN TO CONTINUE
SHARING ITS GREAT IDEALS BECAUSE THEY CONSIDER THAT
ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD, POWERFUL AND SMALL, SHOULD
ALWAYS BE ANIMATED BY A COMMON GOAL: THAT THE CITIZENS
OF ALL COUNTRIES BE INCORPORATED INTO CIVILIZATION,
THAT IS TO SAY, HAVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND CULTURE,
TO EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL WEALTH, TO
MASTERY OF THEIR OWN DESTINIES, AND TO A VOICE AND A
VOTE IN THEIR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

4. MAY YOUR COUNTRY'S BICENTENNIAL SIGNIFY AN ADDITIONAL
TRUST TO THE ADMIRABLE PROGRESS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, A PROGRESS WHICH, I AM SURE,
WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE MAN'S THOUGHT AND ACTION TO
THE BENEFIT OF THE WHOLE OF HUMANITY.

5. THE ECUADORIAN PEOPLE WISH THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA -- A COUNTRY WITH WHICH THEY ARE LINKED BY
CLOSE AND ANCESTRAL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP--GROWING
PROSPERITY. AND IN CONGRATULATING YOU, MR. PRESIDENT,
ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE GREAT BICENTENNIAL OF
INDEPENDENCE, BOTH IN MY NAME AND ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR, I AM HONORED TO PRESENT TO YOU
THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM AND CONSIDERATION.
/S/ VICE ADMIRAL ALFREDO POVEDA BURBANO, CHAIRMAN OF
THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
ECUADOR.

6. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON
BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I JOIN
IN EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL
MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF
OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

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7. IN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
NOT ONLY MARK THE DEEDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST,
BUT ALSO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM,
DIGNITY AND EQUALITY.

8. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TOWARD THE
IMPORTANT GOALS OUR NATIONS SHARE. SINCERELY, GERALD

R. FORD.

9. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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